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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Ralf OTTO et al.

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Application No.: 09/551,581

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Filed: April 18, 2000

For: CLOSURE APPLIANCE FOR  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action of October 8, 2002. A fee of \$930.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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